GRAND RAPIDS HERALD

PRIME OF SUCCERUPTION. PARTY and SUNDAY, Three Months 1.50 WHIELY, One Year.

REPUBLICAN CITY CONVENTION

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Republican Ward Courteen.

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test to five delegates, and will meet at the
unad places designated, unless changes
and committees, who are authorized to
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venth Ward-Rasch's stere on geribner et, near Bridge street, 7:30 p. m. ghth Ward-50 West Bridge street, Kil-ma Peterson's effice, 7:30 p. m. hth Ward-154 West Fulten street, 7:30 oth Ward-664 Wealthy avenue. Ballot to 5 p. m. eventh Ward-Over Gilver's drug store, son avenue near half street, Ballot from Ward-Corner of Hall and Ionis Py order of the republican city committee
Dwight Goas, Chairman.
A. H. Chilvens, Secretary.

Fair today, except light local enous at lake stations; warmer; southerly winds.

SAGINAW AND GRAND BAPIDS.

Reports from the city of Saginaw in dicate that the opportunity for republi can victory at the coming municipa election there is even more ripe than in Grand Rapids. Mayor Weadock of Grand Rapids. Mayor Wesdock of Faginaw, has been both honest and courageous in the discharge of his duty, and when he saw misfersance in office, he has not hestated to bot. Such an attitude has made for him. enemies, especially political enemies, and Mr. Weadock has decided that he wants no more of public office. The great majority of the people of Sagi-naw, however, regardless of party lines,

would desire his continuance in office, but to this Mr. Wesdock will not listen The rottenness and corruption of municipal affairs in Sagmaw is so unsavory and rupulsive that the people want a change. The opportunity forms ripe, but the harvesters weak.

Grand Rapids is not similar to Saginaw, in that its city clerk is dishonest, but during the past year our city treasurer was shown to be a defaulter, we have had an uneavory investigation of our city physician and serious charges of malleasance in office against our director of poor, which will have a hearing next Monday night. The time seems ripe for a change; the people want a clean cut honest administration of affairs in public places and if one set of offi-cials do not give this, the people are the masters and will try another set. The record of the democracy in both Sagi-inaw and Grand Rapids cannot be pointed to with any degree of pride.

A change will very likely be mad?. ME'S LOOKING, BOTS,

Whether standing in front of him or moving from side to side or encircling him, it is a trait of the owl to keep those wide staring unwinking eyes ever upon you. Implacable, solemn, wise, with no hint of the thought concealed behind that expressionless secretive wasge. This well known trait has given rise to the tradition, that if a person continue to e mairele the bird without stopping, the owl will finally wring its own neck and fall at your feet. State politicians are now cir-cing about Thomas W. Palmer, president of the Columbian exposition, and sealously seeking to fathom the meaning of his purchase of the Journal. Why sek they, should he wish to add to his many honors the title of editor? What meaning is to be attached to the reception recently given at his home at which a great number of potitical friends both great and small were present? Puzzling as are the questions aspirations of the ex-sensior are yet more deeply veiled in mystery. His ambition to be governor has long been well known and is as yet unsatisfied. But it is suggested that President Palmer has replaced this ambition with a desire to again assume the sepatorial m, or perhaps should Mr. Harrison be called upon to succeed himself, he will pay his political debt to the ex-senator by inviting him into his cabisenator by inviting him into his cabi-net, or perhaps, and at this thought they gasp, he may wish to be president himself. A train of possibilities now presents itself so they think of what he may accomplish sided by an organ, and the influence Mr. Harmon could reasonably be expected to control in case he failed to be placed in nomina-tion at the Minneapolic convention. Thomas W. Palmer is just now attractog much attention from democratic and republican politicians slike, and the ex-senator has his eyes wide open.

WR GUESS NOT. JOHRNY. That was an exceedingly bright and aggretive colution to the Rehring sea apute made by a leading London aper: "Remove all restrictions, let be will take seal life, then appoint a pard of arbitration to fix the damage."

might attach in the question of mare clauses, more than this it would fasten upon the United States the edium of having allowed England to bully us out of our rights, and stemp us as cowards, unwilling or unable to protect our rights. Oh! no. Johnny. we won't play that way. In 1776 we declared ourselves free and indepen ent, and though bare footed and poor ly armed fought you for seven long years before you went home whipped. In 1812 we were compelled to chastise you and once again emphasize our in-dependence. In the early sixties we became involved in a family quarrel, which was none of your business, but ou stirred up the strife and did what you could do to prolong it. Last year small nation to the south become a ittle Chili toward us and again you tried to embroil as in a difficulty. Now, in a cousinly sort of way, we wish to say to you that we are not particularly concerned about seals or seal skin top coate, but we do not propos to allow you to buily us into any meas ure, or dictate to us who may or who may not interfere with our rights.

LEADERSHIP. In another column is reprinted an ditorial from the Iowa State Register, which sentiment it will be understood, comes from the pen of General J. S. Clarkson. General Clarkson has attained his position, as one of the great leaders of the republican party, not only by his unswerving republicanism and superior ability, but because of his fearlessness when others have healtated. His sentences are always sledge hammer blows upon the subject to be bandled, and this article upon the leadership of the republican party is no exception. Each and every expression carries conviction of truth by its terse-

In all past politics candidates have too often sought nominations, and nominations too seldom sought candidates. Mr. Clarkson speaks with the earnestness of conviction on this subject, and his words should be heeded. If success seems certain with Blame and doubtful with any other leader, then let the party command the leadership of the greatest leader and statesman of modern times, and make success certain. It is right at this point that the atterances of Mr. Clarkson have peculiar interest to all our people. He says the party has the sovereign power to command this leadership and it is to be presumed that he knows whereof he speaks. In other words, the position taken by Mr. Clarkson's paper indicates that he (Clarkson) believes that Mr. Blaine would listen to such a command should it be given. When the national convention meets in Minneapolis, if Mr. Clarkson shall be in a position to say that Mr. Blame will accept the nomination if he is unanimously commanded so to do, all republicans will rejoice and Mr. Blaine will be the next president of the United States.

IS THE TARIFF A TAX? The length to which opponents of

the McKinley law go in their desire to controvert its beneficial effects, and to secure the people that the tariff is a tax are admirably illustrated in Congreeman McMillan's arraignment of the wool tariff. To support his posi-tion, and as the very base of his argu-ment, he cites the fact that on \$21,-500,000 worth of foreign manufactured goods \$23,500,000 in duties were collected. But in no sentence does Mr. Mc-Millan state that the imports which furnish him his argument are the high grade fancy wool fabrics not in common use among the very class of people for whom he and his party profess such soheitude. Neither does he state that the imports of this class of goods fell off \$9,500,000-nearly 25 per cent. during the first year our present tariff aw was in force as compared with the preceding year. It ought not to be necessary to remind Mr. McMillan that only those who can well afford to pay this duty would be benefitted if the tax was removed. The working men and the farmers-that vast body which constitutes the bone and sinew of our government do not crave, nor do they need foreign high grade, fancy woolen fabrics. What they do want, and what our sheep raisers and woolen factories can now furnish, is s substantial fabric made from wool grown on the backs of American sheep, spun by American spindles and woven in American looms. This the present tariff law assures to them. The argument set up against American wool fabrics, that they were largely adul-terated, and at best no better than shoddy is founded in prejudice and born of ignorance. The present tariff law practically probibits the importatien of adulterante, while the proposed law would admit many of them free. wherein then would the consumer be benefited? In a few years, at farthest, the McKinley law will by securing the home market to American sheep raisers and American woolen factories, enable us to grow and weave a fabric equal in every detail to the imported article, and whatever of profit or benefit acpeople.

FRANCE and Spain are the latest to accept the benefits offered under the reciprocity clause of the McKinley bill. If Mr. McMillan and his party moleng the debate on the wool tariff any connderable time, ther may run against the hard but very apparent fact that we are fast securing all the advantages of free trade without making of the United States a dumping ground for foreign pauper made goods. However this is one of the thing dem-ocrats are not expected to understand.

who will table seni life, then appoint a mobilizing a considerable body of troops upon the Austrian and Prus-One season's scaling under this rule sian frontiers. The ambition of would settle the industry beyond quest foreign monarche to emulate some

and result in war. The ours of most European nations today in the large standing armies main-tained at an enormous expense of treas-ure and men. Each stands as a menson to the other, and sooner or later cause sufficient will be found to en-gage in a devastating struggle.

Ir the sewer-pipe combine reported from Ohio is capable of gathering and carrying off the offences of which all combines are believed to be guilty, a suffering public may be induced to overlook their offense.

Ms. Presson, an American minister who for a time was sauciated with Mr. Spurgeon in London, has been invited to permanently succeed to the charge of his fancous and new deceased co-

AMUSEMENTS.

Helen Barry will be at Powers next Wednesday evening in "A Night's Frolic," which has been adopted from the German by Augustus Thomas, the author of "Alabama." Seats will be on sale Monday.

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The followers of music in Grand Rapid certainly know of Liberati. Of his performance on the cornet a writer on the Brooklyn Eagle had the following: "Liberati came unheralded into the lists, where two prime favorites, Levy and Arbuckle, almost bade defiance to competition. His quiet, gentle way, his modest ment and really artistic excellence have placed him in the front rank and above the fear of suffering by comparison. You teel as you listen that there is the roul and the sensation of music in the man, and not the the faculty of mere mechanical excention. His music had a heart in it. He was loudly applauded. The encore was 'Nearer My God, to Thee,' and it was given in a manner aimply exquisite. Not only was the execution perfect, but the sentiment—the deep aspiration of a religious soul—was interpreted with true feeling. It was like an innovation. The art of the thing was perfect, and showed the player to be master of his instrument." Liberati will be at Powers' tomorrow night.

As this is children's day at Geary's museum, there will no doubt be a big attendance of juveniles to see the haby show and the excellent entertainment given in the theater. In order to give the best satisfaction possible, Manager Geary has decided to give separate shows as has been the custom. The doors of the museum will open at 12:30 and the curtain rise at 1 p. m. The doors of the theater will be kept open

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"The Stepdaughter," by L. R. Shewell, author of "Shadows of a Great City," will be produced at the Bedmond next week, beginning Sunday evening, with Annie Ward Tiffany, for whom it was especially written, as the star. This will be the first presentation in this city of Mr. Shewell's latest work and the general interest in the event, together with the popularity of the star, assures crowded houses. Seats are now on sale.

engaged in advertising his company for the coming week, at Smith's operations, commencing Monday, March 14. The show is termed one of the best vaudeville shows on the road. It is composed of twenty star artists, consequently there is a grand treat in store for the patrons of this cozy resort for the coming week.

Two performances of "His Nibs and the Baron," will be given at Redmond's today.

There will be a matinee at Smith's

IOWA FOR BLAINE.

The republican party of the state and ation has entered upon a crucial contest for the life of the party that will admit of no paltering adulation or weakening cowardice in selecting the atrongest man as its candidate for president. No man has the right to force himself upon the party, either for nomination or indorsement. The republican party must decide for its life, and it cannot make a truckling or cowardly decision with safety. It has the sovereign power to command the leadership of Blaine or any other man who has the party's confidence. It is not a question for the candidates, but for the majority sentiment of the party to decide. Harrison is, and Blaine is not a candidate, but Blaine has never shirked a party or public duty and no mistaken sense of admit of no paltering adulation or put Blaine has never shirked a party or public duty and no mistaken sense of loyalty will prevent his accepting the Minneapolie nomination, if it is tendered to him with general party deare that he should accept it. Why hesitate when the life of the party and the principles it represents are at stake? The Iowa convention, if the situation remains as it is today, ought to and we believe, will give the rest of the country the benefit of its judgment. If it believes that there is certainty with Blaine and doubt with any one else it ought to say so with the fervor of the old-time days when Iowa republicanism fought with the full courage of all convictions for the right. It will be the first northern state to speak, and the entire party is hoping that it will speak without palaver as to men or cowardice as to principles.—lowa State Register.

The government building will be repainted and re-decorated. Authority has been received from Washington by Revenue Collector Steketes, custodian, to advertise for bids. The building will be cleaned up and put in presentable shape. No work of this kind has been done here for six years, and as a consequence, the condition is anything but tidy. The lower floor will be painted, with the exception of the hardwood which will be sandpapered, oiled and varnashed. The walls of the second floor will be kelsomined. Bide for doing the work will be forwarded to Washington. Postenaster Briggs has labored long and arduously to have this work done. When it is finished, other improvements will befin order, such se putting in an elevator and building an addition to the present structure. The government building will be re-

The Ideal Bed for Be

from forty to lifty that must be legality and clean.

"At last we discovered this clear—that bran furnished an excellent bad for the babies, and that it would be sufficient to lay them directly upon the bran. We tried this plan. But if it is practicable for a mother, who has only her own little one to attend to, it was not so in an establishment where at cortain hours from fifteen to twenty children lead to be get up almost at the same time. If the child was laid on the bran undrassed, it was covered when taken out of md with tiny spangles of bran adhering to all its body, which made it look like a little savage. Its tellet necessitated a bath, which took half an hour's work for each child. This was not practicable. Still the bran did truly solve the problem. It furnished a very soft bed, and it absorbed the moisture by forming little pelleta, easily removed by the hand, without isaving any source of unpleasant smell.

"To remedy the only incouvenience that we experienced, it aufficed to place between the infant and the bran a little sheet. This is the form of bed in use in the nursery at

we experienced, it sufficed to place between the infant and the bran n little sheet. This is the form of bed in use in the nursery at the Familistere now for more than twelve years, uniformly with the best results. The pillow is similarly filled with bran. Every day there is added a handful of bran, equal to that which is taken away, and about once a mouth the bran of the cradle is entirely renewed. Large bran is best for this kind of bed. It should be acreened to get rid of the dust."

A WESTERN LOCHINVAR

He Stepped in at the Last Moment and Won the Doctor's Promised Bride.

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A wedding that occurred one evening in the north part of the city had connected with it a little story that was not printed in the account of the nuptial veremony.

The bride, who, by the way, is a very prepossessing young lady, had just passed the three-quarters post on the spinster race course that unmarried women are supposed to pass over at a very slow pace with no attempt whatever to break the record, and to this fact are undoubtedly due some of the rather unusual occurrences that preceded this wedding ceremony.

Be that as it may, it is certain that for three years past the aforesaid young lady has been sugaged to a certain young homeopathic physician who looked anxiously forward to the day when he would feel able to support a wife and take unto himself this hoping, trusting, waiting maiden, who finally accumulated such a stock of deferred hope that she grew sick at heart.

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George Ailen, agent for Clark and Williams' "Bright Lights," superb specialty company, is in the city, busily engaged in advertising his company for

procrastination, and neglected to get a cinch on the flecting momenta.

A good looking stranger came to town and called on the family of which the young lady is a member. He was warmly received, and then it transpired that he was tenewing the acquaintance of other days. He was an old schoolmate of the young lady, but had not seen her nor any of the family for seven years. He had been improving his time, however, and was general superintendent of a hank account of very respectable proportions. All in all, he was decidedly eligible, and furthermore was in search of a wife.

Right here let it be stated that the prospective mother-in-law had never regarded the suit of the medical practitioner with favor, but the newcomer emisted her sympathies at once. She not only encouraged him, but set work to make her daughter likewise smile upon him. An evening at the theater was followed by a proposal of marriage, but time was demanded before giving an asswer.

The young lady sent for the doctor and laid the case before him. She taid she had waited a good while, and life was short and time was fleeting. If he was about ready all well and good, but if not ask was sorely tempted to embrace the other opportunity.

The doctor was thunderstruck, and said that if his affianced wife could for a moment consider such a proposition he didn't know but he was willing for her to accept it. The indignant lover little thought that he would be toused saide, and when the girl said she would think over the matter awhile longer, he thought the day was won. That was another time that he was mistaken. The girl pondered only another night, and the next day the new suitor was accepted with as much avidity as was consistent with good taste. The dector was concerned, for the wedding of his inamovate and his energetic rival occurred on the following evening. Six months of travel is the next thing on the programme, but the doctor will not be one of the tourists. He will stay at home and ease torow, and alternately curse and bless his postlinar luck and

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Two little rubbery chunks of liver accepted over the uneven sidewed around rickety wooden steps, and the benging stable decre, in med has for a hiding place, while the this plunged her shiny little face into the depths of very doubtful blindness, am her spreading pudgy fingers, against to whitewashed weather bearding, as shrilly piped in the dusky sir:

"One-two-th'os-fo'-fiv'-six-sebm-asten. Hi spy, tucky fly, debble git y w'en y' die! Lay low, w'ite folks, I' a-comin!"

A sudden, unexpected rush from be-aind the nearest door, and four fat little ands spanked the wall like a drum.

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"One, two, th'ee for me. I pat fust?"

"No y' didn't."

"Did, deed an double I did."

"Why-y-y-y, Clementiner Hedgerpaff!

How kin y' darst?"

"Deeden I did, Lily Consins! I pat
th'ee pats fo' you bunk agin th' wall 't
all. Crost m' haht, crost m' libber, folks
what lie don't lib fo' ebber! Now then,
y' better b'lieve me! Go hunt Annie!"

Two big fat round, anegostive ever

Two big, fat, round, suggestive eyes rolled over until they bere direct upon the puffing Clementina.

"Wher ish she?" whispered the chon

"Ain't ergonter tell. You jus' go hunt;" and Clementina backed against the boards with decision and virtuous

But Lily never budged. Her stubby little toes were pigeoned against the curb. Her big eyes rolled dubiously up and down the bounds of the game. Then a subtle gleam crossed those midnight orbs. In a manner that was careless orbs. In a manner and serpentine calmness, nonchalance and serpentine suggestiveness all in one, she poked her hand into her dauby little pocket. "Om gotter piece of wax!" was all she said. "Don't keer! don't keer! Ain't ergon-

go hunt yourself!" vociferated the incorruptible Clementina, glaring up at the cold sky and hustling her hands behind her, out of temptation's way.

But Lily either did not hear or did not heed. Her face was Sphynxlike, and her calm voice went softly on, "Om got two pieces er wax," and she plumped one in her mouth and smacked her full

lips lusciously.

"Don't keer? Ain't ergonter tell, nohow!" came the unfaltering rejoinder,
but Clementina's mouth began to water
at the corners, and she swallowed hard.

"Mighty good wan! Yum-m-m! Yumm-m! Schlosch-schlot ch-schlosch-eroshlosh!" londly chewed and champed the
wicked temptress with smacking live

wicked temptress, with amacking lips, gummy, liquid delight, while one hand stretched placidly out to the tortured Clementina, who closed her eyes hun-"Umpah! Ah-h-h! Huff-uff-uff-uff" p

the wicked Lily, wafting her sugary breath into the very nostrils of the quiv-ering Clementina. "Hi, golly! Thisher wax's norful good! An th' udder hunk's th' biggest, an gotter gilt paper on it, an er gum rubber t' snap, an er pitcher

checked apron, eager fingers, yet re-luctant, closed hurriedly upon the bribe, as Clementina's voice, emanating from her very shoes, gasped, "Bhind th' cohncob bin in th' coal shaid."

The dark deed was done!

Benedict Arnold had betrayed his country.—Cincinnati Commercial Ga-

Mrs. Tarsney, wife of Congressman Tarsney, wife of Congressman Tarsney, has had quite an experience with cyclones. Her remembrances of them are so vivid that whenever she sees a threatening sky she becomes nervous. "I have become through two," she says, "and in one had a terrible fright. Word reached me that the school house had been blown down and the children killed. My little son was at school, and to my ideas just then there was only one school house in Kansas City. I started out. No cars were running and everything seemed ruined. I found my boy's school had been disminsed and be had started for home just as the cyclone came. Then I was more than ever scared. I set half a dozen policemen hunting for him, and went toward the wrecked school house riding in a mule car that had finally found the track. Every child they brought out from the ruins was mins, but still be didn't apprar, and after setting more police on the hunt I started home, more dead than alive.

Try, my inquiring little gave groups as call. When you are calleng groups as for the one who is sky and bushful paramit; go to her, talk to her, and all paramit; go to her, talk to her, and all for time ye ; will fed that it will be for time ye ; will fed that it will be for time ye; They thinking that people any. They thinking that people any. They thinking that people any.

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New York has 18,000 fewels. It is a little that leads to a gr A microscopo magnifico 10,000 dina Now Maxico has a massagur boy s

here are now 40,600 unlies of out-

A silver coin to usually in currency in

Hamburg expended \$1,000,000 me Its income last year. Birthdays were kept even as far he the time of Pharcab.

Diamonds are found at a depth of 112 et in Brazil and Siberia.

The shab of Persia owns #5,000,000 worth of jowelry and precious stones. In the New York city are department there are 1,035 officers and men.

"When excited the empotor of Gorma pulls furiously at his mustacke.

The state of Vermont produced over 17,-000,000 pounds of maple sugar last year. A recent invention in lighting combines the principles of the arc and incandescent. A plate of celluloid is now used for closing the opening in the skull left by trephin

General Schodold has ordered that all re-cruits entering the army shall be vacci-nated.

The legislature of each state can const tutionally direct how presidential elector shall be chosen.

South Dakota has the largust as cell in the world. It shoots water I bove the surface.

It is 600 years since the son of a Prince of Wales stiained his majority during the lifetime of his father.

Dr. Arnott says that the pressure of all on the knee joint is unflicient to keep it is place without ligaments.

An engineer on the Denver and Rie Grande railwand recently, it is reported, shot and killed a wildoot near Newcostle from the cab of his lecometive, which was running at full speed.

A Misprint, but It Did Its Work A member of one of the foreign leg here has a splendid action against tor of that "blue book" of Washing clai life, the "Congressional Dire By a had blunder in that nously publication he has suffered the lo



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